

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for specifying a selection of content segments stored in different formats, comprising the steps of:

Receiving receiving specification of a plurality of portions of first content stored in a first format, the specification identifying beginning and ending frames for each portion; and

Building building a list comprising a starting mark and ending mark for each selected portion of first content, the list for use in accessing corresponding portions of the same content stored as second content in a second format.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein the starting marker mark and ending marker mark further comprise frame numbers.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of converting the starting mark and ending mark into timecodes.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, wherein the first content includes timecodes superimposed on its frames, further comprising the step of first determining a correspondence between frame numbers and timecodes of the first content and using the determined correspondence to convert the starting mark and ending mark into timecodes.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the starting mark and the ending mark further comprise timecodes.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5, wherein the timecodes are extracted from the first content.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5, wherein the first content includes timecodes superimposed on its frames, and wherein the timecodes are calculated by determining a correspondence between frame numbers and timecodes of the first content and using the determined correspondence to calculate timecodes for the beginning and ending frames of each of the selected portions.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein the second format ~~has-a~~ second is different than the first format.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A program product containing instructions executable by a computer, the instructions embodying a method for specifying a selection of content segments stored in different formats, comprising the steps of:

Receiving-receiving specification of a plurality of portions of first content stored in a first format, the specification identifying beginning and ending frames for each portion; and

~~Building~~building a list comprising a starting mark and ending mark for each selected portion of first content, the list for use in accessing corresponding portions of the same content stored as second content in a second format.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 9, wherein the starting ~~marker~~mark and ending ~~marker~~mark further comprise frame numbers.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of converting the starting mark and ending mark into timecodes.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11, wherein the first content includes timecodes superimposed on its frames, further comprising the step of first determining a correspondence between frame numbers and timecodes of the first content and using the determined correspondence to convert the starting mark and ending mark into timecodes.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9, wherein the starting mark and the ending mark further comprise timecodes.

14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 13, wherein the timecodes are extracted from the first content.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 13, wherein the first content includes timecodes superimposed on its frames, and wherein the timecodes are calculated by determining a correspondence between frame numbers and timecodes of the first content and using the

determined correspondence to calculate timecodes for the beginning and ending frames of each of the selected portions.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 9, wherein the second format ~~has-a second- is different~~ than the first format.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A system for specifying a selection of content segments stored in different formats, comprising: ~~the steps of:~~

~~An a~~ first software ~~process-means~~ for receiving specification of a plurality of portions of first content stored in a first format, the specification identifying beginning and ending frames for each portion; and

~~A~~a second software ~~process-means~~ for building a list comprising a starting mark and ending mark for each selected portion of first content, the list for use in accessing corresponding portions of the same content stored as second content in a second format.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The system of claim 17, wherein the starting ~~marker-mark~~ and ending ~~marker-mark~~ further comprise frame numbers.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The system of claim 18, further comprising a third software ~~process-means~~ for converting the starting mark and ending mark into timecodes.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The system of claim 19, wherein the first content includes timecodes superimposed on its frames, further comprising a fourth software ~~process-means~~ for determining a correspondence between frame numbers and timecodes of the first content and

using the determined correspondence to convert the starting mark and ending mark into timecodes.

21. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 17, wherein the starting mark and the ending mark further comprise timecodes.

22. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 21, further comprising detection apparatus for extracting timecodes from the first content.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The system of claim 21, wherein the first content includes timecodes superimposed on its frames, and further comprising a third software ~~process-means~~ for calculating the timecodes by determining a correspondence between frame numbers and timecodes of the first content and using the determined correspondence to calculate timecodes for the beginning and ending frames of each of the selected portions.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 17, wherein the second format ~~has-a~~ ~~second-~~ is different than the first format.